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**Thursday 26 February 2026**

<b>0930 – 1000</b>	Registration & Coffee	
<b>1000 – 1010</b>	Welcome Address	Natasha Stephen, Geological Society of London
<b>1010 – 1100</b>	<b>Keynote:</b> Precise quantitative mineral analysis by EDS-SEM	Johan Lissenberg, <i>Cardiff University</i>
<b>SESSION ONE</b>		
<b>1100 – 1120</b>	No WDS? No Problem! Why Do Geoscientists Continue to Overlook EDS?	George Stonadge, <i>Oxford Instruments</i>
<b>1120 – 1140</b>	Element mapping of the lawsonite to epidote transition	Sara Hanel, <i>University of Minnesota</i>
<b>1140 – 1200</b>	Lithium to Uranium: A New Analytical SEM for Environmental Research hosted by UCL Earth Sciences	Andy Thompson, <i>University College London</i>
<b>1200 – 1230</b>	Break	
<b>SESSION TWO</b>		
<b>1230 – 1250</b>	Quantifying Facies-Controlled Pore Connectivity in Heterogeneous Porous Media with Alloy Intrusion Porosimetry (AIP)	Joyce Schmatz, <i>MaP - Microstructure and Pores GmbH &amp; Julia Schmitz</i>
<b>1250 – 1310</b>	SEM-BEX Mapping on Unprepared and Uncoated Samples: did we find the oldest extraterrestrial zircons?	Alexandra Stavropoulou, <i>Oxford Instruments</i>
<b>1310 – 1330</b>	The Importance of being oriented: a review of thirty years of Electron Backscatter Diffraction research in Earth and Planetary Sciences	John Wheeler, <i>University of Liverpool</i>
<b>1330 – 1430</b>	Lunch	
<b>COMMUNITY UPDATES</b>		
<b>1430 – 1445</b>	High resolution structural and chemical analysis at the electron Physica Sciences Imaging Centre	Chris Allen, <i>ePSIC</i>
<b>1445 – 1500</b>	Royce Institute	TBC
<b>1500 – 1515</b>	The Space Nanomaterials atom probe (SNAP) providing an atoms eye view of the Solar System	Luke Daly, <i>University of Glasgow</i>
<b>1515 – 1530</b>	TBC	Neil Robinson, <i>EPSRC UKRI</i>
<b>1530 – 1600</b>	Break	
<b>1600 – 1610</b>	Automated Mineralogy: Faster, Smarter geological insights with MapsMin	Salomé Larmier, <i>Thermo Fisher Scientific</i>

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## VIRTUAL POSTER SESSION

1610 – 1620	Resolving Mixed Spinel Signatures with EPMA Element Mapping in Metasomatized Peridotites	Danielle Carr, <i>University of Texas at Arlington</i>
1620 – 1630	The Macroscopic and microscopic mineralisation controlled by the Yanshanian movement surface in the Xitian area, Hunan Province, South Central China	Hongyuan Zhang, <i>China University of Geosciences (Beijing)</i>
1630 – 1640	High-resolution Scanning Electron Microscopy Imaging in Mudstone Thin Sections with Different Metallisation Alternatives	Mateus A Rodrigues, <i>Fluminense Federal University</i>
1640 – 1655	Lighting session	
1655 - 1830	Poster session & Drinks Reception	

## Posters

Resolving Mixed Spinel Signatures with EPMA Element Mapping in Metasomatized Peridotites	Danielle Carr, <i>University of Texas at Arlington (Virtual)</i>
Telling the time with SEM-EDS: Application of quantitative EDS to diffusion chronometry	Joe Gardener, <i>University of Liverpool</i>
The macroscopic and microscopic mineralization controlled by the Yanshanian movement surface in the Xitian area, Hunan Province, South Central China	Hongyuan Zhang, <i>China University of Geoscience, Beijing (Virtual)</i>
Quantifying Porosity and Mineralogy in Rock Samples through Integrated SEM/EDS and Machine Learning Approaches	Joyce Schmatz, <i>MaP - Microstructure and Pores GmbH</i>
High-resolution Scanning Electron Microscopy Imaging in Mudstone Thin Sections with Different Metallization Alternatives	Renan de Melo Correia Lima / Mateus A. Rodrigues, <i>Fluminense Federal University (Virtual)</i>

**Friday 27 February 2026**

0900 – 0930	Registration & Coffee	
0930 – 1020	<b>Keynote:</b> TBC	TBC
1020 – 1100	Panel Discussion: Collaboration in Lab Management, challenges, opportunities, and the eternal quest for funding	
1100 – 1130	Break	
<b>THEME THREE</b>		
1130 – 1150	Micro to nanoscale characterisation of olivine, wadsleyite and ringwoodite in the Catherwood L6 ordinary chondrite and implications for the evolution of high-pressure mineral assemblages in planetary materials	Lee White, <i>Open University</i>
1150 – 1210	Hydrothermal Alteration of Isle of Rum Peridotite – A Jezero Crater Analogue	Cesca Willcocks, <i>University of Leicester</i>
1210 – 1230	Constraints on Basaltic Volcanism on Vesta: Insights from Pb-Pb Isotope Systematics in Eucrites	Hayley Lowe, <i>University of Manchester</i>
1230 – 1350	Lunch & Sponsor Networking	
1350 – 1400	Light Element Chemical State Analysis with New Soft X-ray Grating for SEM	Calum Dickinson, <i>JEOL (UK) Ltd</i>
<b>THEME FOUR</b>		
1400 – 1420	Analysis of the CM chondrite meteorite Winchcombe by FIB-TOFSIMS and SEM-EDS as advanced complimentary techniques	Diane Johnson, <i>Cranfield University</i>
1420 – 1440	4D STEM and Correlative EDS Analyses of Planetary Materials	Niamh Topping, <i>University of Leicester</i>
1440 – 1500	Novel Combinations of Quantum Diamond Microscopy and Electron Probe Microanalysis Reveal Intricate Intergrowths in an Unusual Meteorite	Jennifer T. Mitchell, <i>University of Minnesota</i>
1500 – 1530	Break	
1530 – 1540	Technobite 3 TBC	TBC
<b>THEME FIVE</b>		
1540 – 1600	Microscopic Meteorites: Art, Science and Stories from space	Lorelei Robertson, <i>University of Nottingham</i>
1600 – 1620	Building a pilot open-access correlative rock microscope	Marco A. Acevedo Zamora, <i>Queensland University of Technology</i>
1620 – 1640	From Sparse Measurements to Full Maps: Machine Learning Prediction of Mineral Phase Data	Julia Schmitz, <i>MaP - Microstructure and Pores GmbH, Germany</i>
1640 – 1700	GSL Publications & closing words	

## Convenors:

**Natasha Stephen** (GSL & Imperial College London, UK)

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